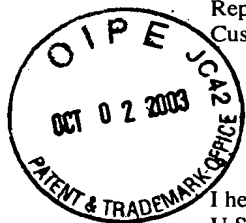


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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of March 28, 2003, the time for response being extended by three months, pursuant to the fee charged to the Assignee's Deposit Account in the papers submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a Three-Month

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes amendments to Fig. 9. Character 105 is replacing character 104 for the second (lower) supply roll. The characters now correspond to the description in the specification. Character 131 is replacing character 130 which designates the nip corresponding to incremental stretching system 132. The specification has been corrected to state that the nip is represented by character 131. A formal replacement sheet 5 with the corrected characters for Fig. 9 is included.

In Fig. 10, reference character 102 has now been described in the amended specification.

The formal drawings have been submitted. The photographs for Figs. 8, 17A, and 17B are no longer mostly black.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes